



# Rangers' Review

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Preparations for the feast !

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# **Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.**

## **About Us**

The Club's aim is to enjoy all aspects of owning and using our 4WDs while enjoying the diverse surroundings offered by this great country. We are a club of 4WD enthusiasts who enjoy challenging driving, regular trips, camping, camp cooks and a great social scene on and off track.

## **Membership**

Membership is open to anyone who owns a 4WD regardless of its make or model and has a passion for driving. Mount Lofty Rangers Inc is an affiliated member of the SA Association of 4WD Clubs.

## **Club Outings**

The Mount Lofty Rangers provides regular day, weekend and extended four wheel drive trips, lead by experienced trip leaders. Trips are rated on the level of difficulty and are available to all members and guests.

The club has a dedicated social committee who also organises regular events that complement the club trips.

## **Experience and Training**

Our current members possess a wide range of skills ranging from beginner to advanced. The club has a number of accredited instructors and assessors, and is involved in regular training via the SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit.

## **Meetings**

Club meetings are the second Monday of each month\* and are held at the

**Blackwood Football Club Trevor Terrace Blackwood**

**Time 7:15 pm**

\*Except where this Monday falls on a long weekend then the meeting is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

## **Information**

For more information on the Club please check out our website at:

[www.mountloftyrangers.com.au](http://www.mountloftyrangers.com.au)

**MT LOFTY RANGERS UHF CLUB CHANNEL NO 27**

# Editorial

All,

Hope this months mag finds you all well and prepared for the silly season that is Christmas !

For those of you that are heading away over the xmas period - IM JEALOUS ! But hope you all have a safe and enjoyable trip. I look forward to the pics and reports.

This months meeting will (hopefully) see lots of shiny 4wd's with their bonnets and boots open for inspection. It should be good to have a look over other peoples vehicles and get some idea's off other peoples mods. So get out there this weekend (those of you that receive the mag via e-mail) and polish, polish, polish !

I would like to give Dave, Matt & all the other guys a big pat on the back for organising a great xmas show the other weekend at Wall Flat.

Im sure all that attended will agree, it was a great day and a top evening with the meat roasting on the spits and the band playing away all evening.

Well, that's it for 2009, merry xmas and a happy and safe new year to you all.



*Cheers Neil Cook*

## **PRESIDENTIAL REPORT OCTOBER 2009**

Hello all club members

It has rolled over to yet again to another month & time for our club meeting. This is last meeting for 2009 & I hope all club members have had a great year in the club & been on lots of trips out there.

Just a reminder for the December General meeting we will be not be having a guest speaker instead we will be having a club member vehicle display. Being in to daylight saving time there will be a good opportunity to view these vehicles within daylight hours. Graham our VP is formulating some secret judging criteria based in some obscure categories & has obtained small novelty prizes from our clubs sponsors for the winners. So I look forward to seeing plenty of vehicles on this night. Could I please ask that all vehicles partaking in the display to park in the first 2 row of parks closest to the club rooms & all other vehicles that are not park at the back of the car park area. That way all vehicles being displayed are grouped together & not scattered all over the car park. Thanks.

I have heard nothing but good reports of our Christmas Show at Wall Flat, which was held the last weekend of November. The roast meat spits were fantastic & the live entertainment of the un-official club band was exceptional. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dave Willsmore & Matt Eastmure of the Social Committee for all the effort, time they put in to organising this Event. I would also like to thank Graham & Coralynne Jones, Phil Simes & the other members of the band for taking time out to provide the nights entertainment. Thank you to all other club members who attended & supported this event & all had a good time gathered in a relaxing social environment.

Note this was the only Christmas activity being organised & supplied by the club, as there is nothing organised like this at the December general meeting.

So on behalf of myself & all members of the committee we wish all club members & their families a happy Christmas & great New Year. Please be safe if driving on the roads this holiday period & we look forward to seeing you all happy & well in 2010!

Please note we don't have a meeting in January so the next meeting is 8<sup>th</sup> February

I have included my phone number & email address at the back of this magazine so if anyone wishes to make contact with me about any matter, idea, suggestion, criticism or their general point of view about the club in general please feel free to make contact with myself & lets see what we all can do together to improve the club.

Cheers for now, *Andrew Thomas*





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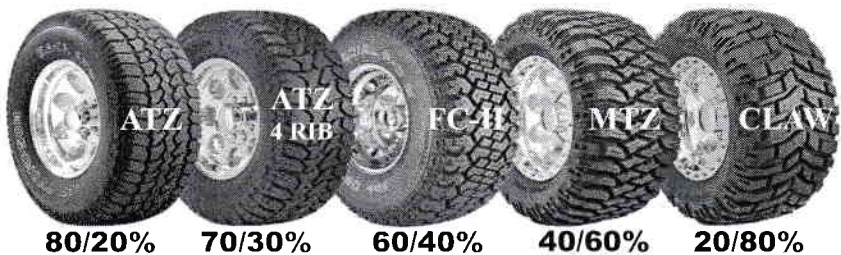
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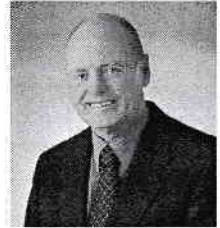
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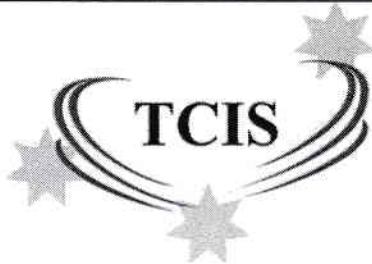


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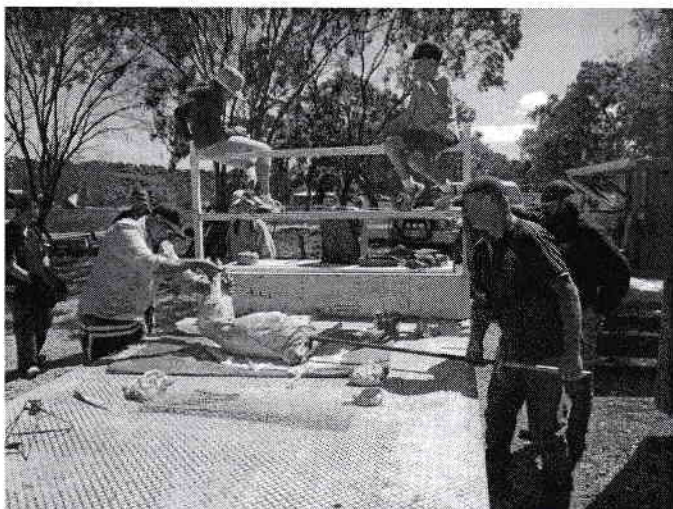
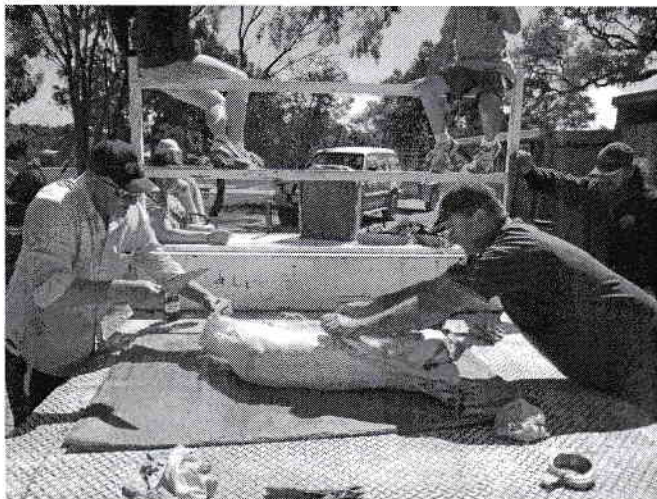
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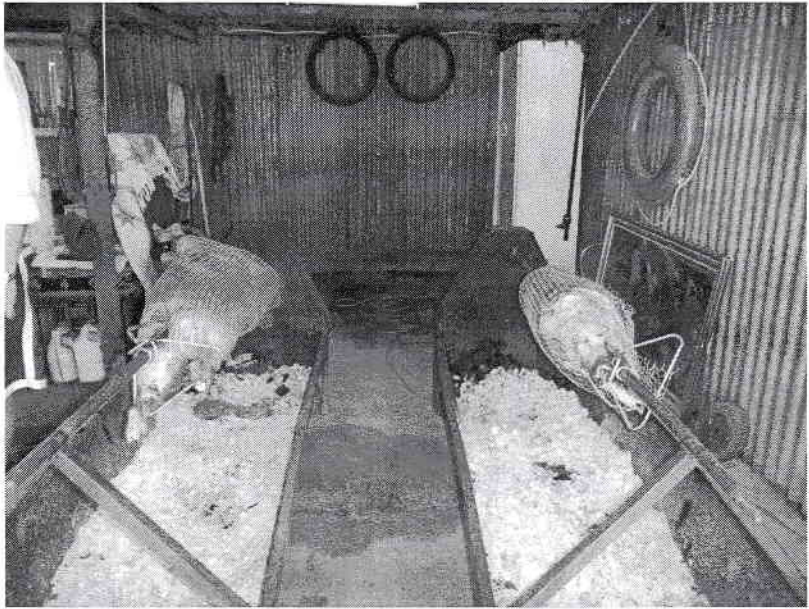
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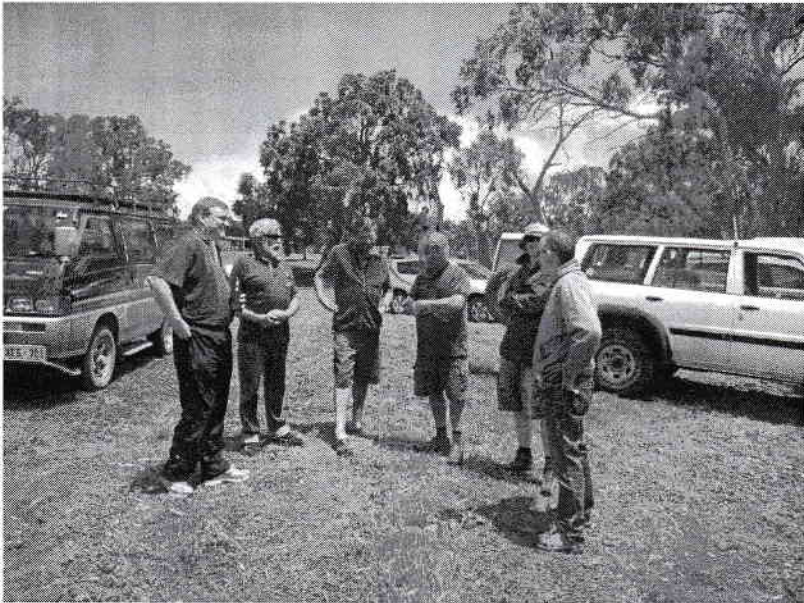
# Social Scene

## WALL FLAT XMAS SHOW







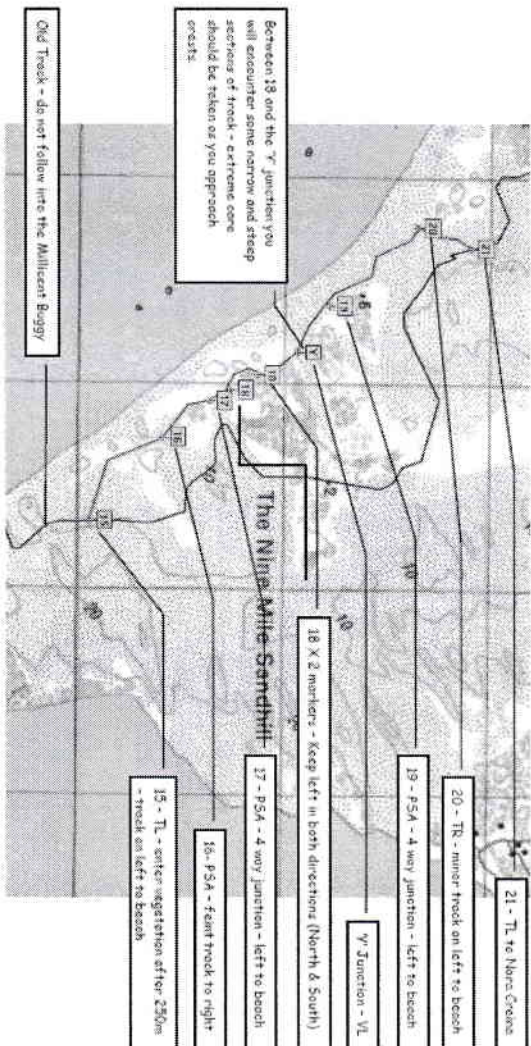






## Beachport - Nora Creina Map Amendment New Bypass Track

- This new section of track bypasses the Millicent Sand Buggy Club. The purpose of this bypass is to eliminate the possibility of 4WD vehicles and sand buggies crossing paths. Sand buggies in their club grounds may travel at speeds in excess of 100kph.
- You are urged NOT to enter into the buggy club grounds at any time.
- The new section only affects the track between points 15 - 21.

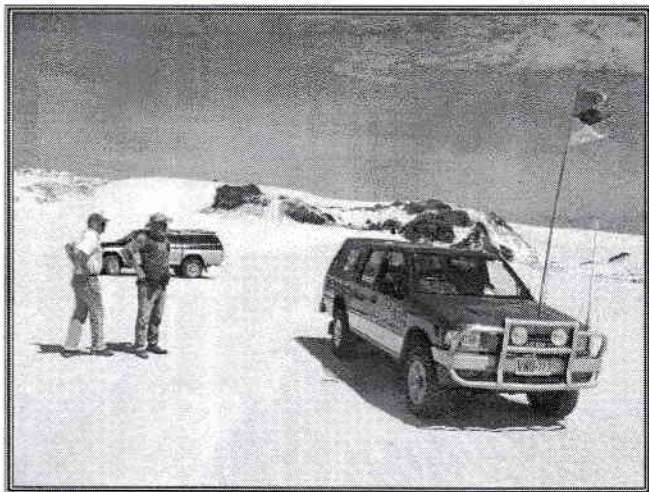


# Beachport to Nora Creina

This trip starts in Beachport at the Wattle Range Council Visitor Centre.

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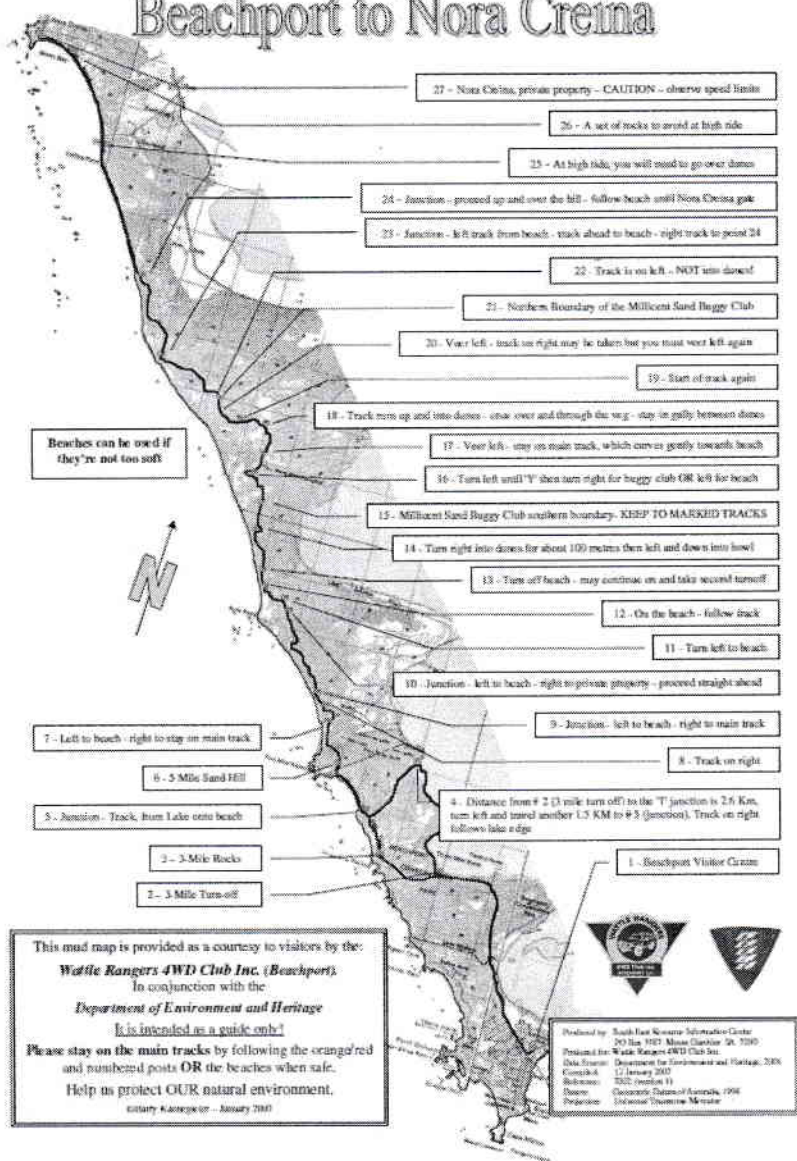
- for ANY sand driving (including tracks), reduce tyre pressures to 15-20psi
- **IMPORTANT:** when driving on dirt roads or bitumen with reduced tyre pressures, keep your speed below 60km - this will reduce the risk of potential blowouts due to overheating the tyre sidewalls (bulge)
- throughout the year, **EXTREME** care should be taken on ALL beaches due to soft sand - these can be avoided by following the inland track - **if in doubt, WALK the beach**
- charges may be incurred if assistance is requested due to bogging on beaches - if possible, travel with at least one other vehicle
- most vehicles have UHF radio and use channel 10 within the park - use the scan function just in case!
- engage 4 X 4 once you leave the main road and use low range as appropriate
- the park has single lane tracks in most areas - oncoming vehicles may be encountered
- use caution on crests and blind corners
- a RED flag on a pole is highly recommended
- 40 kph speed limits apply to ALL areas within the park
- ALL vehicles must be registered (including motor cycles AND quad bikes)
- **Fines apply for non-compliance (for off track offenders and unregistered vehicles)**





| Beachport Conservation Park (and beyond) - Distance Chart (Kilometres) |          |          |   |
|--|----------|----------|---|
| Point  | Distance | Total KM | Comment   |
| 1  | 0.00     | 0.00     | Start at the Visitor Centre - have a look around - turn right at the pub  |
| 2  | 4.71     | 4.71     | You may turn off here or continue along the road and skirt the lake   |
| 3  | 1.37     | 6.08     | Just before you hit the 3 Mile rocks is a turn-off to the left which will take you to an Aboriginal Midden site (about 50 metres)   |
| 4  |          |          | This is a junction - turn left to the beach and the 5 Mile sand drift - you may turn right but this will take you along the edge of the lake  |
| 5  | 0.96     | 7.04     | Junction - onto the beach here - watch the tide - stay high<br>LOOK OUT for possible birds nesting (endangered Hooded Plovers)  |
| 6  | 1.12     | 8.16     | 5 Mile sand hill - Steel cable protects the vegetation on beach side - follow the track to the right of the hill  |
| 7  | 1.00     | 9.16     | Main track goes to the right - left to the beach - sometimes it is possible to round the point to number 8 via the beach - TAKE CARE  |
| 8  | 0.48     | 9.64     | Track runs parallel with the beach - left takes you to the beach via a very soft uphill track   |
| 9  | 0.32     | 9.96     | at this point you may follow the beach ONLY when the tide and conditions permit -<br>BEACHES HERE CAN BE VERY SOFT - there are several exits from the beach - take note of them in case you wish to reverse your direction - they NOT MARKED on the map |
| 10   | 1.95     | 11.91    | Junction - proceed straight on - left to the beach - private property through the fence on the right  |
| 11   | 0.26     | 12.17    | Turn left to the beach - this track also goes straight ahead but rejoins main track again   |
| 12   | 0.46     | 12.63    | Onto the beach - good all-year track well up on the beach   |
| 13   | 0.33     | 12.96    | Turn right off the beach here - you may continue along beach but will eventually turn off at next junction on right (14)  |
| 14   | 0.89     | 13.85    | Turn inland for about 100 metres - turn left and negotiate the dip - you may also continue straight along the beach again as there is another wide exit further on  |
| 15   | 0.75     | 14.60    | Southern boundary of the Millicent Sand Buggy Club - turn left onto NEW track<br>Sign - BEACH - TRACK - veer right into bush - veer left to beach   |
| 16   | 0.60     | 15.20    | PSA - faint track on right into Buggy Club  |
| 17   | 0.30     | 15.50    | 4 way junction - PSA - left to beach - right into Buggy Club  |
| 18   | 0.1      | 15.60    | Keep left sign - veer left around this one-way track<br>NOTE: another 18 sign on other side of hill   |
| 19   | 1.00     | 16.60    | 4 way junction - PSA - left to beach - right into Buggy Club  |
| 20   | 0.70     | 17.30    | PSA inland - track on sharp left to beach   |
| 21   | 0.30     | 17.60    | Northern Boundary of the Millicent Sand Buggy Club  |
| 22   | 1.10     | 18.70    | Veer left here  |
| 23   | 0.57     | 19.27    | Junction - track on the left is from the beach - straight ahead goes to the beach - main track turns right and runs parallel to the beach   |
| 24   | 1.93     | 21.20    | Junction - track on the left is from the beach - straight ahead goes up on and over a VERY large hill - CAUTION - single track only - listen out for other vehicles and scan UHF radio - drive slowly   |
| 25   | 3.00     | 24.20    | At high tide you may have to negotiate a rather steep dune<br>USE CAUTION   |
| 26   | 0.50     | 24.70    | At high tide you will have to use the by-pass track   |
| 27   | 1.95     | 26.65    | Entrance to PRIVATE PROPERTY - Nora Creina - observe speed limits   |

# Beachport to Nora Creina



**FLINDERS RANGES TRIP OCTOBER LONG WEEK END 2009**  
**Report for Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> by Tom Sag**

On Sunday after a leisurely breakfast we set out after 10a.m. and headed for Rawnsley Park Station in order to check in for the Arkapena Scenic Adventure 4wd trail. We returned to the main Wilpena Road and crossed over it and travelled about 5km east on the Martin's Well Road to get to the start of the trail – a locked gate on the south side of the road. We set off some time after 11a.m. and headed south on the trail towards the base of the Chace Range. The first section of the track was fairly flat and easy going, but after turning east to follow the base of the Range the track became more difficult with many rutted creek beds and lots of ups and downs some of them quite steep. After about half an hour's driving we stopped for morning tea and also collected wood for the evening's campfire. The scenery so far on the trail was mainly native conifers with red soil and some grass underneath and a backdrop of the orange/red cliffs of the Chace Range dotted with patches of green. We also had distant views of Rawnsley's Bluff at the southern end of the Wilpena range and views of the wooded hills on the northern side of Martin's Well Road.

After morning tea we continued easterly along the base of the range before heading back to Martin's Well Road which after negotiating several quite difficult ups and downs we reached at about 1p.m. We

Decided to push on to Prelinna Lookout (the highest point of the trail) for lunch. This entailed negotiating a series of very steep climbs on fairly rocky track, interspersed with a few downhill stretches. On some of the hills the downhill sections were not visible from the crests and so the instructions from our trip leader Andrew (club Prez.) were most welcome and informative as were his warnings of irregularities in the track as we travelled along. The scenery on this part of the track was dense native conifers with red/brown rocky soil underneath, views of the Chace Range, distant views of the Wilpena Range and views of the steeply climbing track ahead. We reached the Lookout just before 2p.m., and after sorting out the parking problems there, we managed to fit all 11 vehicles in the vicinity of the top and keep the track, which took a sharp left turn at the top, clear.

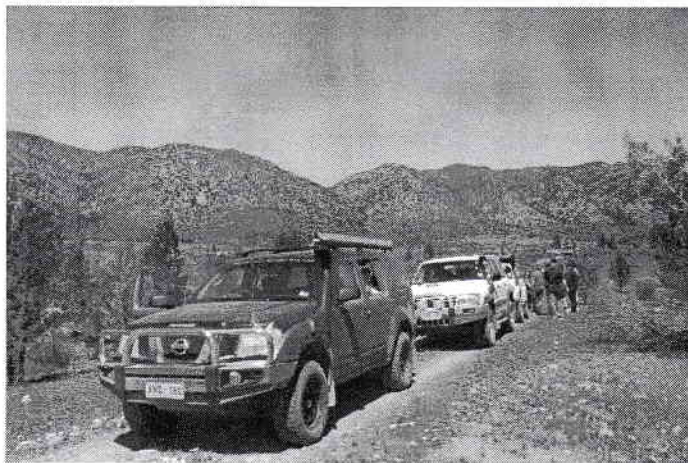


After enjoying our lunch and the 360 degree views from the top we commenced our descent. The first part was quite slow due to the steepness and roughness of the track. It got easier and faster as we neared the end of the track back at Martin's Well Road. We finished the track at about 3.30p.m. It was an enjoyable and challenging track but no one (including us) got into trouble due to Andrew's excellent leadership and the encouragement of the other experienced drivers.

After this the group split and undertook various activities on the way back to, and in our campsite at Wilpena. These included gathering even more firewood, visiting Arkaroo Rock, visiting an art exhibition at Wilpena Woolshed, coffee at the Visitor centre Café, swimming in the resort pool, bike riding or just relaxing round the campfire.

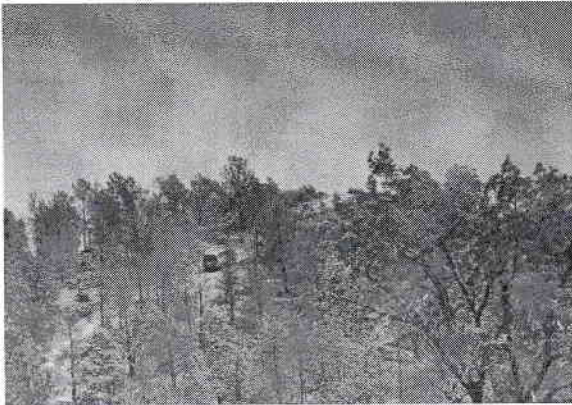
This was the end of the "official activities" for the trip but on Monday some went home to Adelaide travelling in convoy via Orroroo and Clare while others stayed on at Wilpena or headed for other destinations. A big thank you to Andrew for organizing and leading such a wonderful trip and providing us with such great weather and to all other members of the party for being such congenial company.

Morning tea stop—Arkapena





Chase Range from Prelinna Hill



Andrew climbing a steep hill



Andrew reaching top of hill





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***Close of entries: 29th January 2010***

***Event date: 13th - 14th March 2010***

***Presentation night: 25th March 2010***

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## **HOW TO IDENTIFY A STROKE**

**Blood Clots/Stroke - They Now Have a Fourth Indicator, the Tongue**

**STROKE:** Remember the 1st Three Letters.... S. T. R.

### **STROKE IDENTIFICATION:**

**During a BBQ, a woman stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) .she said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.**

**They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Jane went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening**

**Jane's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital -**

**(at 6:00pm Jane passed away.) She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Jane would be with us today. Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.**

**It only takes a minute to read this...**

**A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke....totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.**

## **RECOGNIZING A STROKE**

**Thank God for the sense to remember the '3' steps, STR. Read and Learn!**

**Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.**

**Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:**

**S \*Ask the individual to SMILE.**

**T \*Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently)**

**(i.e. It is sunny out today.)**

**R \*Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.**

**If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.**

**New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue**

**NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his or her tongue.. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.**

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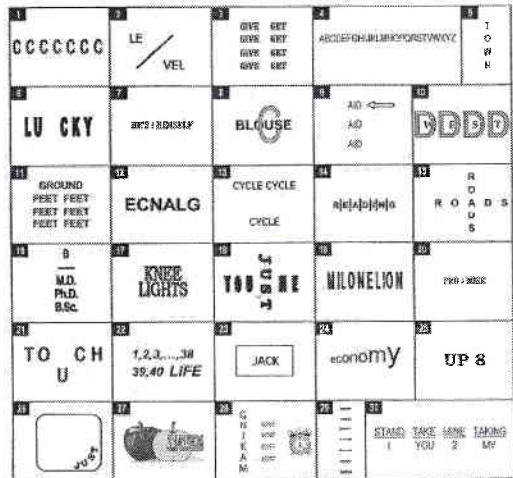
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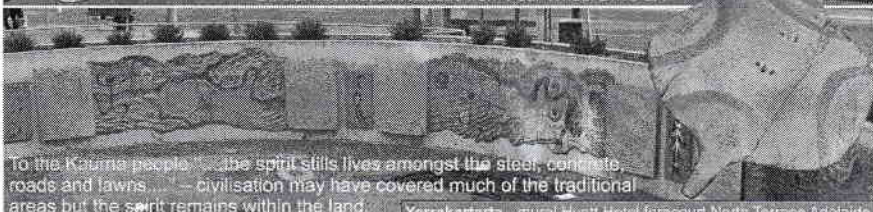
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2. SPLIT LEVEL
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6. LUCKY BREAK
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8. SEE THRU BLOUSE
9. FIRST AID
10. WEST IN DEE'S
11. 3 FEET BELOW GROUND
12. BACKWARD GLANCE
13. TRI CYCLE
14. READING BETWEEN THE LINES
15. CROSSROADS
16. 3 DEGREE'S BELOW ZERO
17. NEON LIGHTS
18. JUST BETWEEN YOU & ME
19. ONE IN A MILLION
20. BROKEN PROMISE
21. U OUT OF TOUCH
22. LIFE AFTER 40
23. JACK IN A BOX
24. RISING ECONOMY
25. UP BEFORE 8
26. JUST AROUND THE CORNER
27. APPLE PIE
28. MAKING UP FOR LOST GROUND
29. STANDING OVATION
30. I UNDER STAND YOU UNDER TAKE 2 UNDER MINE MY UNDER TALKING



# 4WD Matters

Official Information Release from Four Wheel Drive SA

October 2009  
- 01/10/2009



To the Kaurna people... the spirit stills lives amongst the steel, concrete, roads and lawns... - civilisation may have covered much of the traditional areas but the spirit remains within the land.

Yerrakartarta - mural Hyatt Hotel forecourt North Terrace Adelaide  
Wokali - 150 year old Kaurna bark shield SA Museum

Extracts: Above - Kaurna Walking Trail Guide  
Below - from "Adelaide 1836-1976: A History of Difference" - Derek Whitelock 1977"

South Australia began in 1836 with the hopes to establish a model colony, a wealthy civilised society. The Colonel Light survey of Adelaide in 1837 centred on Victoria Square/Tamdanyunagga which is the traditional meeting place of the local Kaurna "Tamdanyu" people.

The chaotic early days of the colony included the benevolent feelings for the few hundred peaceable and friendly local Aborigines. But because they would not work in a way satisfactory to Englishmen, most pioneers thought they should be herded on to reserves.

As it was, demoralised by the cultural confrontation, decimated by imported diseases like small pox, syphilis, and measles, the Kaurna (and other tribes) went to the wall. In 1897, just 61 years since European settlement, one of the last authentic male survivors of the Adelaide Kaurna tribe died in the Adelaide Hospital.

The letters, diaries and writings of the pioneers, missionaries, and colonial officials provided the early social history of Adelaide and considerable descriptions of the Kaurna language.

Many would not be aware of the colonial or indigenous history of Adelaide's Festival Centre, Elder Park and Torrens Lake area.

The booklet "Walking Trail Guide" provides some interesting historical information. Covering both Colonist and Aboriginal aspects it guides people on a pleasant walk around the Torrens Lake. Additional material can be located on signs around the walk.

For additional insight to the walk, 2 hour group walks can be arranged through the Graham F. Smith Peace Trust 08 8267 3915 (by donation) or Frank Wanganeen 0437 919 966 (from \$20 per person).

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Available from the SA Museum Shop

March 26-28 2010

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*Back to Burra Weekend*



- Free Morning Tea & AGM
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Detail: 4WD Adventurers Club, Leslie Ebert, Graham F. Smith Peace Trust, Frank Wanganeen  
Copper Ore - green; Malachite - blue; Azurite - blue; FWDSA Back to Burra 2010 Committee; Range Rover Club of SA; Inc  
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# FWDSA Back to Burra Weekend 26-28th March 2010 - Application Form

(electronic form - click on grey boxes and type in details)

If for personal reasons you cannot make a firm booking please tick this box, complete and forward the application - contact the Treasurer to discuss payment options.



Given Name  Family Name

Email (for contact details)

Phone Home  Work  Mobile

Vehicle Type  Reg.No  Club

## Activities Saturday March 27th

### Concourse 4WD'elegance

Longest trip/dirtiest vehicle/biggest hard luck story/  
most accessorised vehicle etc - apply at Showgrounds

Indicate numbers

Adult Child

@ \$35.00

@ \$25.00 = Total \$

Morning Tea .....10.00am Free for All - Burra Town Hall

BBQ .....12.00am Free for All - BYO Seats & Drinks

Tag-a-long Tours...1.00pm Range Rover Club for details - apply at Showgrounds

Dinner ...6.00pm - 7.30pm Return your Menu preferences by March 14 2010

Bread Rolls with each meal : BYO Drinks & Glasses

Indicate choices

Adult Child

Starter Spring Rolls and Dipping Sauce.....

Crumbed Calamari with Tartare Sauce.....

Main Course Roast Beef with vegetables and gravy.....

Chicken Fillet Rolls with vegetables and gravy.....

Dessert Bread and Butter Pudding with cream.....

Apricot Danish with cream.....

Advise special diet requirements (eg diabetic, vegetarian) as soon as possible

Quiz Night.....7.30pm Teams of 8 - BYO Drinks & Nibbles & Glasses  
Prizes, Raffles & Presentation  
All proceeds to Royal Flying Doctor Service

**Showgrounds Camping** - FWDSA has arranged for facilities at the Burra Showgrounds

- 17 powered sites - 10 Amp outlets - No guarantee of powered site - Preference to those with a medical need

- Costs: \$12 per night : Register from 4.00pm Friday March 26th : Shower facilities available

Medical need for power Yes/No

Friday  
March 26

Saturday  
March 27

Sunday  
March 28

Total \$

Indicate nights required

**Application Form and Payment by March 14th 2010** - receipts will be issued upon arrival at the Burra Showgrounds

Make cheque/money order payable to "SAAFWD Inc" or internet transfer to BSB: 805023 Acct.No. 04305267

Mail or Email Application Form & Details to FWDSA Treasurer:

Mr. John Newman 4 Tweed Court Lobethal 5241 SA john.newman@internode.on.net

Phone: 08 8389 6526 Mob: 0438 922 134



# Upcoming Trips

## Summary of up coming trips:

When putting your name down for a trip you **MUST include your contact number** If you cannot attend and your name is on the trip sheet you **MUST** contact the trip leader or Trips coordinator.

- ♦ 26 Dec - 10 Jan Victorian High Country
- ♦ 23 - 26 Jan 2010 Beachport
- ♦ 6/7/8th March 2010 Loveday 4x4 Adventure Park
- ♦ Easter 2010 Port Lincoln Shark Dive
- ♦ July August 2010 Cape York

## Club Trainers

Trainers: Ian Manglesdorf, & Tim Byrne

Assessors: Ken Bradey, Mark Curtis, Jeff Morgan, Ricky Esser, Paul Tabone

Advisors: Brenton Bowley

## MLR Club Training

Contact: Paul Tabone, Education Officer Mobile: 0417 080 663

Unless otherwise specified, ALL MLR trips use UHF channel 27



# Upcoming Trips

|                                  |                                       |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Trip</b>                      | <b>Victorian High Country</b>         |
| Date/s – Duration                | 26th December 09 to 10th January 2010 |
| Trip Leaders                     | Jim Usher                             |
| Convoy limit                     | TBA                                   |
| Distance – Kms                   | 2000+                                 |
| Departure / meeting point & time | TBA                                   |
| Difficulty                       | Medium to Hard depending on tracks    |
| General comments                 |                                       |

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# Upcoming Trips

| <b>Trip</b>                      | <b>Annual Beachport Meet</b>                         |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Date/s – Duration                | 23 to 26th January 2010                              |
| Trip Leaders                     | Dave ‘Shorty’ Wilsmore                               |
| Convoy limit                     | No Limit   |
| Distance – Kms                   | 1000   |
| Departure / meeting point & time | TBA  |
| Difficulty                       | Moderate to Hard depending on conditions             |
| General comments                 | Annual Beach port meet over the January long weekend |

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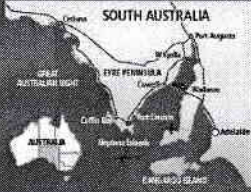
| <b>Trip</b>                      | <b>Loveday 4x4 Adventure Park</b>  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Date/s – Duration                | 6/7/8th March 2010   |
| Trip Leaders                     | David Lamb   |
| Convoy limit                     | TBA  |
| Distance – Kms                   | 1000   |
| Departure / meeting point & time | TBA  |
| Difficulty                       | TBA  |
| General comments                 | Private property on the banks of the River Murray in the Riverland.<br>Adelaide Cup Long Weekend |

# Upcoming Trips

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Trip</b>                      | <b>Port Lincoln Shark Dive</b>   |
| Date/s – Duration                | 1-6th April 2010 (Easter)  |
| Trip Leaders                     | Neil & Linda Cook  |
| Convoy limit                     | TBA  |
| Distance – Kms                   | 1500   |
| Departure / meeting point & time | TBA  |
| Difficulty                       | Scary !!!!!  |
| General comments                 | Shark dive charter and camping in the Lincoln National Park (see flyer over) |

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|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Trip</b>                      | <b>Cape York</b>                        |
| Date/s – Duration                | July/August 2010                        |
| Trip Leaders                     | TBA (Les ?)                             |
| Convoy limit                     | <b>Expressions of interest required</b> |
| Distance – Kms                   | Lots TBA                                |
| Departure / meeting point & time | TBA                                     |
| Difficulty                       | Moderate to very hard                   |
| General comments                 |   |



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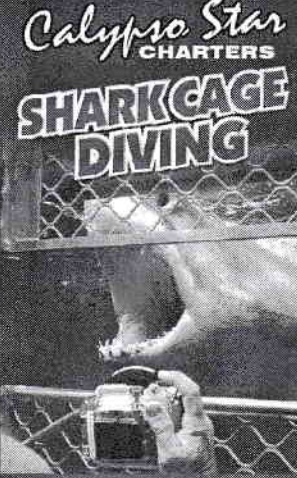
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Looking to camp in the Lincoln National Park and do the charter on the Saturday or Sunday. We will be travelling over on the Thursday and returning on the Tuesday.

Please read all the terms and conditions on the web site, as the sharks are NOT guaranteed.

Payment required at the end of the December meeting.

Give me a call on 0400 416 220 if you have any questions and check out :

**[www.sharkcagediving.com.au](http://www.sharkcagediving.com.au)**

Cheers Neil & Linda Cook





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MY GROSS SLEIGH MASS WITH  
PRESENTS FOR ALL THOSE MOUNT  
LOFTY RANGERS MEMBERS!!"

# TRAINING

The DTU –Driver Training Unit has been running training weekends in an effort to help people get training done and 001 in their books completed. This will cease mid next year and it will all be back on to the clubs to organise themselves.

We are fortunate to have a few Assesors in our club but we need new trainers and assesors coming through.

A 2010 Club Training calendar will be made up by the first meeting in 2010.

## **Some DTU training dates to make note of are:**

21<sup>st</sup> Feb Assesors update course.

13-14 March Basic Theory. **This is where you get started and get training manuals I recommend this as a minimum.**

20-21 March Basic driving practical – Cherry Gardens. Theory members get 1<sup>st</sup> preference.

17-18 April Advisors course. – Need to have 001 completed if interested please see Paul Tabone.

8-9 May **Basic** driving practical – Morgan. **If you do any DO this one.**

22-23 May Assesors Course week 1.

5-6 June Assesors Course week 2.

19-20 June Assesors Course week 3.

25-26 Sept Trainers course week 1

16-17 Oct Trainers Course week 2

## **LAST CALL FOR THEORY PAPERS.**

**If you are no longer interested in training please let me know so I can cross your names off the list.**

Trevor Hill

Richard Williams

Jarrad McGlaughlin

Paul Lehman

Jim Betas

Steve Gleeson

Graham Jones

John Locchel

David Lamb

**For those who have handed in their papers they have been marked please see me at the next meeting with your A5 booked to be signed off.**

Regards

Paul Tabone

0417 080 663

## **2009 DTU CALENDAR (inc training)**

### **NOVEMBER**

31st Oct– 1st Nov Club Training

Basic Course – Driving Peake 9.00am

7th – 8th Advisor Course Morgan 9.00am

10th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

12th DTU general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

14th – 15th

19th Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

21st – 22nd

28th – 29th

### **DECEMBER**

5th - 6th

8th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

10th DTU general meeting & break up Cavan 7.30pm

11th > School holidays

12th – 13th

17th No Association general meeting

Anyone wanting to attend any of the above dates, please let Paul Tabone know so he can put your name down to attend.

His goal is to get those who have paid to get books and do the weekend basic theory to now get in to the practical side of training even if just up to completion of the 001 level





# 4WD Matters

Official Information Release from Four Wheel Drive SA

November 2009  
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## FWDSA at ARB Open Day Extravaganza



An estimated 800 patrons attended ARB at Regency Park on (Indigenous Tours), and Adelaide Clutch Services.

October 10th. Along with mounting a display, 500 sausages were cooked on the free barbecue by FWDSA volunteers.

### Photo Above Right

**Back Row:** Michael Davis (ARB State Mgr.), Steve Golley (Toyota Landcruiser Club), David Quick (Northern 4WD Club), Steve Dalton (Overland 4WD Club), Simon Smith (Holden 4WD Club), Richard Slater (ARB).

Joining in on the very successful show with the Association, were the Mitsubishi, Nissan, Range Rover and Toyota 4WD Clubs with their own stands. Commercial exhibitors included, Hema Maps, Cooper Tyres, Thule, Bushranger, GME(UHF), Adventure Campers, Beadlock, Rhino Rack, Bookabee Explorers 4WD Club)

**Front Row:** Len Botuch (Off Road Club), Frank Zeni (Southern

## Potential Lethal Weapon

Properly connected, snatch straps will safely extract 2, 3, or more tonnes of vehicle out of holes or bogs.

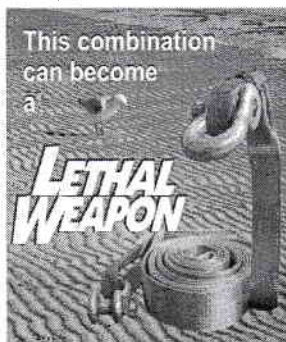
Incorrectly attach or join a snatch strap and the built up energy generated in the recovery could propel some heavy metal (shackle, tow ball, bullbar etc) at your vehicle - or worse - at you, your friends or your family!!!!

We all need proper training.

### Another Death

The Adelaide Sunday Mail October 4th 2009 reported the death of an 18 year old male on an end-of-season football trip in Tasmania. In an attempted beach recovery, "...the tow ball and snatch strap came loose, smashing through the rear windscreen..." with fatal results.

You can draw your own conclusions to this tragic incident.



Keep this date free too!!



bookings can be made online

from November 2009

[www.4x4gathering.mitsu4wdclubqld.org/index.htm](http://www.4x4gathering.mitsu4wdclubqld.org/index.htm)

### TJM Factory Fire

On Friday morning October 16<sup>th</sup> fire caused major damage to a third of the TJM Head Office and factory at Geelong Qld.

Starting in the aluminium bull bar polishing facility, it affected part of the warehouse and stock, a packing line and the offices. On-site fire facilities and fast, efficient action by the Brisbane Fire Dept contained the blaze

Remaining intact are the R&D area, manufacturing factory and approx 80% of the warehouse and stock. Very little impact on manufacturing and distribution is envisaged after the initial disruption is overcome.

It is estimated that by early November 2009, deliveries of stock to the national distribution network will begin.

Detail: Michael Davis (ARB State Mgr.); David Quick FWDSA Sec (Northern 4WD Club); Adelaide Sunday Mail October 4th 2009; Greg Moore (TJM State Mgr); Riverland 4WD Club; Vince Monterola (Toyota Landcruiser Club); Nissan Patrol Club; Sue Linnell FWDSA Border Track Committee; Harry Kennegieter (Wattle Rangers 4WD Club); Mitsubishi 4WD Club  
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[www.cleanup.com.au](http://www.cleanup.com.au)

**Clean Up Day**  
Sunday March 7 2010

Register with Clean Up Australia

Find a Site - Register Details - Download Useful Material  
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Send your details to

**FWDSA Clean Up Australia Day Co-ordinator**

Vince Monterola (Toyota Landcruiser Club)

Ph: 83391311 Mob: 0447 331 300

Email: [vhmon@bigpond.com](mailto:vhmon@bigpond.com)

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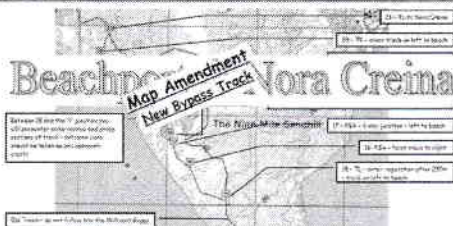
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## Beachport - Nora Creina Map Amendment New Bypass Track

Commencing in June 2009, with approval from DEH and the  
Coastal Protection Board, the Wattle Rangers 4WD Club in  
conjunction with the Millicent Sand Buggy Club have re-opened  
existing tracks just behind the beach to bypass Buggy Club  
grounds at Beachport. These tracks had not been used for many  
years.

The purpose of this bypass is to eliminate the possibility of 4WD  
vehicles and sand buggies crossing paths. Sand buggies in their  
club grounds may travel at speeds in excess of 100mph.

A large bulldozer contracted by the Buggy Club for work on their  
tracks was used to re-cut a 200 metre section of overgrown track.  
Much work was done clearing and pruning over the following few  
months

You are urged NOT to enter into the buggy club grounds at any  
time. The new section only affects the track between points 15-  
21 on the Beachport to Nora Creina track.

Track users should also be aware that in August and September  
DEH laid fox baits on the beach within Beachport Conservation  
Park. This followed a similar successful exercise in Canunda.

## Original Border Track Section Reopened

The Murray Mallee DEH staff expressed their  
thanks for the 448 hours of mammoth effort a  
Ngarkat Conservation Park by 8 FWDSA Clubs  
on the weekend of April 18th-20th 2009.

Not only was a 1Km section of original track  
reopened, but tracks were rubbled to assist  
stabilisation, the chain grader was trialled, steel  
cable fence was installed using concrete/wood  
posts, and The Pines campsite was increased in size.

The weekend featured the presentation of a Certificate of  
Appreciation to Border Track Committee Co-ordinator Sue Linnell  
for her contribution over many years.

**Next years working bee will be 17th/18th April  
2010 with arrival on Friday 16th**



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# SAFETY ALERT

Safety Alert 2009 – 03  
Toyota Hilux Front Suspension



## SAFETY ALERT



The lower control arm shock absorber bush is failing prematurely and in severe cases causing the shock absorber to shear from the lower mounting eye.

Petroleum have a number of 2008 model Toyota Hilux Utes exhibiting the above problem with aftermarket branded front shock absorbers.



### Possible causes

- Bottom mount bolt tightened whilst vehicle suspended on a hoist with suspension at full droop. This tightens the lower mount/bush at an incorrect working angle. When the vehicle is lowered onto a flat surface, the bush is now already under stress, instead of being in its unstressed manufactured position.
- Poor quality of rubber bushing in the aftermarket shock absorber (currently under investigation).

### Corrective actions

- Check all Hilux vehicles front shock absorber lower bushing for wear and fatigue at every service interval.
- All lower shock mounting bolts to be loosened and the vehicles suspension cycled by hand. Bolt to be tightened with vehicle sat on level ground at normal ride height.
- If a shock absorber is removed, it should have its mounting bolts tightened when the vehicle is sat on level ground, with its suspension at normal ride height.

OHS Coordinator

10 July 2009



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| 1 Warn Winches          | 1 Wheel Carriers         | 1 Fuel Tanks      |
| 1 Canopies              | 1 Recovery Equipment     |                   |
| 1 Air Locking Diffs     | 1 Old Man Emu Suspension |                   |
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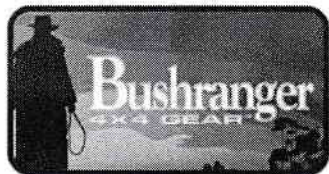


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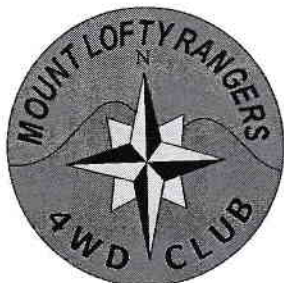
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| Crate Mate Recovery Tracks | Recovery Kit                         |
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| Club Flag                  | Puncture Repair Kit *                |
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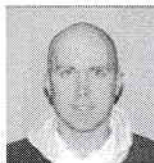
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## **TRIP LEADERS CHECKLIST**

### **PRE-PLANNING**

Choose a location for the club trip

Choose a date - start & finish

Choose a route - there & back

Accommodation - caravan, camper trailer or tents only

Cost of camping, track access or other costs

Determine difficulty of the trip

Determine vehicle suitability, requirements & convoy limit

Work out an estimate of the trip distance

### **AT A CLUB MEETING**

With all your pre-planning information at hand approach the trips coordinator

Discuss & seek feedback on your trip details & amend if necessary

Ask if anyone else within the club has done the same trip for any advice or suggestions

Fill out a trip sheet & post on the trips board

Within the club meeting, stand up & introduce yourself

Explain all the details of your proposed trip as outlined in the pre-planning stage

Answer any questions if needed

During the next subsequent meetings keep up to date with progress of names listed on your trip

### **IN THE MEANWHILE FINALISE DETAILS FOR YOUR TRIP**

A start meeting point & time for your trip, there can be multiple places to meet when on route

Finalise any personal, camping, safety & recovery equipment required for the trip as a minimum

Determine if there is any First Aiders, club trainers or assessors on your trip

Amount of fuel stops & fill up locations whilst driving

Notify & book in your trip with any relevant landowners, caravan parks, national parks etc

Assess & check any possible weather conditions you may encounter whilst on your trip

Leave details of your trip with the trips coordinator - itinerary, route & planned return time

Determine all the water & food requirements of the trip - are there any group cooked meals ?

### **THE LAST CLUB MEETING BEFORE YOUR TRIP**

Gather together the members of your trip into a small group & finalise any details of the trip

Confirm all names & numbers of persons attending

Gather all participants trip application forms

Determine if there are any special needs or medical requirements of the participants

Collect any money or fees if it is required

### **THE FIRST DAY OF YOUR TRIP**

Arrive first at the chosen meeting place & time

Once all intended persons have arrived, introduce yourself & anyone travelling with you & call sign

Get everyone else to introduce themselves, people travelling with them, call sign & type of vehicle driven

Make sure everyone is aware of your mobile phone number in case of an emergency

Make everyone aware of the nominated first aider

Discuss convoy procedures, marking of corners & making sure they can see the vehicle behind them

Remind everyone of UHF radio use, etiquette & rules. No swearing / bad language etc

### **THINGS TO DO THROUGHOUT EACH DAY OF YOUR TRIP**

At the start of each day or each individual section of the drive appoint a Tail End Charlie

Nominate a person to write the trip report for that day

Perform regular radio checks of all vehicles in your convoy

Make yourself available to everyone if there are any grievances or conflicts on the trip

# **CLUB BY-LAWS & RULES FOR TRIPS & ACTIVITIES**

## **As extracted from the Club's Constitutional Document**

### **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

For the purposes of these by-laws & rules, only those activities that have been approved by the Directors or at a General Meeting & noted in the minutes shall be recognised as official Club activities. Any activity not so approved shall be considered as a member's private activity & shall only be discussed at General Meetings during general business, if time permits.

### **REGULATIONS**

All members & visitors shall at all times abide by the Club Constitution, these by-laws, rules & regulations laid down by Government Authorities & owners/lessees of private property.

### **CLUB IDENTIFICATION**

All club identification shall be removed from vehicles prior to sale or upon expiration of membership.

### **RADIOS**

Members using CB, UHF & HF radios shall use them at all times in accordance with State &/or Federal Government rules & regulations governing the use of radios.

All members shall install 27 Meg (AM) or UHF radios for all club trips within 6 months of joining the club.

### **VEHICLE INSURANCE**

All participants in Club activities are required to produce to Directors a written declaration stating that they have in force, and will have in force for the duration of the club's financial year, a current policy of Comprehensive or 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Insurance applicable to the vehicle they are driving, upon renewal of such participants' membership with the club.

### **CONDUCT OF ACTIVITIES**

#### **Direction of Organisers**

All members & visitors participating in a club activity at all times shall abide by the directions of the activity organizer or trip leader in respect to:

- i. Compliance with Club by-laws & rules

- ii. Safety of all other members

- iii. Fire precautions & restrictions

- jjj. Care & respect of private property

- kkk. The rights of other people

#### **Trip Leaders**

On trips, the Trip Leader has absolute authority over the whole trip & they must ensure that members & visitors are aware of all relevant Club by-laws & rules & have adequate recovery equipment.

#### **Assistant Trip Leader**

Trip Leaders at their discretion may appoint separate trip leaders to lead separate convoys.

### **Contravention of Club by-laws & Rules**

A member contravening Club by-laws or rules may be asked by the trip leader to leave the activity or trip & the incident reported to the Committee. Disregard of club by-laws & rules should be reported to the Committee members by the club members. All members must inform the Trip Leaders of their intention to go on a club trip.

### **National Parks & Forest Areas**

All members & visitors are responsible for knowing & observing Park, Woods and Forest regulations whilst traveling in these areas, or in other areas controlled by Government Authorities.

### **Conclusion of Trips**

Trip Leaders must ensure that all participants have clear directions to their destination at the conclusion of the club trip.

### **Children**

Adults must be responsible at all times for the behavior of the children in their charge.

### **Prospective Members**

Prospective members & visitors are allowed on Club activities at the discretion of the activity organiser but not to the exclusion of club members.

### **Non Financial Members**

Persons previously on the club committee but who are currently not financial, or other persons, who are not financial, are not allowed to take part in club activities with our prior Committee approval.

### **Numbers of vehicles**

The number of vehicles on a Club activity shall be determined by the trip leader but also may be subject to requirements of outside authorities. As a general rule the number of vehicles in a convoy shall not exceed 15 as the sight & inconvenience to other members of the public must be considered.

### **Dogs**

On trips where dogs are permitted, they must be kept under control at all times, preferably on a lead.

### **Motorcycles**

Motorcycles are not permitted on Club trips except with the express permission of the trip leader.

### **Firearm**

Guns & rifles must not be visible inside vehicles & should only be removed in cases of emergency, or with the express permission of the trip leader.

### **Intoxicating Liquor**

Excessive consumption of intoxicating liquor on club activities is discouraged.

### **Off Tracks**

Vehicles are to stay on existing roads & tracks except in areas where permission has been granted to move away from existing vehicle corridors.

### **Flora & Fauna**

Live branches are not to be broken from trees or shrubs. No member shall use a tree as an anchor for winching without providing adequate protection around the tree from slings or cables. Trip members must not disturb birds, animals & their habitat.



### **Gates**

All gates must be left as they were found.

### **Camping**

Campsites must not be within 500m of any artificial constructed watering points. Campsite adjacent to large natural watering points must be sited so that stock & wildlife are not prevent from gaining access to water. Campsite must be at least 1km away from any station homestead, shearing shed, outstation or other improvement unless prior approval of the land manager. Previous campsites should be used wherever possible. Care must be taken to minimize damage to vegetation etc at campsites & making of unnecessary vehicle tracks is to be avoided.

### **Water**

Minimal water only is to be taken from any watering point. Members are not to swim or bathe in tanks or dams without permission from the land manager. If water is required for washing it is to be bucketed out. Soaps & detergents etc are not to be introduced into tanks, dams, rivers or natural watering points.

### **Litter**

No litter or rubbish is to be thrown from vehicles. At all stops, members shall ensure that no rubbish is left at the site. All non-burnable rubbish is to be carried out & disposed of in approved receptacles or areas. Burnable rubbish may be burnt at campsites provided all other members are considered, correct precautions are taken & there are no fire bans in place. Non-combustibles are to be removed from ashes.

### **Historical Sites**

All sites of historical significance are to be left undisturbed & artifacts are not to be removed off site.

### **Toilets**

When using bush toilets ensure an adequate, deep hole is dug & covered properly before leaving the campsite. Do not allow paper & tissue to blow around the area.

### **Mobile Generators.**

The use of generators must be kept to a minimum & not used after 8.00pm or before 7.00am without the permission from everyone within the vicinity. At all times other travelers must be considered when using generators. Members must ensure as far as possible that generators are permitted in NPWS areas prior to departures or obtain permission from rangers at the site.

### **Fires**

Fire bans must be complied with at all times. Normally one campfire should be adequate and the trip leader is responsible for its location. The trip leader may approve other small cooking fires. At sites where adequate supply of dead wood on the ground is not available (especially National Parks etc) or during potential fire danger period's members are encouraged to use gas or other means for cooking. All fires must be extinguished before the site is vacated, ashes disposed of, and where practical, no signs of the fire should be left at the site.

### **Spares**

Vehicles must carry enough spare to be reasonably self sufficient in the event of breakdown. Spares for similar type vehicles can be shared amongst those on the trip. The specific spares would depend on the type of trip & location and agreement between participants.

### **Grievances**

Any grievance arising from any club activity must be made as soon as possible (preferably in writing) to the organisers of that activity or Directors so that any problems can be resolved promptly.

## Convoy Procedure

**Regulations** – All drivers shall observe all regulations at all times.

**Departure Warning** – The trip leader shall give a 5-minute warning before departing.

**Briefing** – Prior to departure each day all drivers are to assemble a central point for the trip leader's briefing on the next stage of the trip.

**Travel** – All members of the convoy are to follow the trip leader & not stray from route

**Track Widening** – Drivers are not to widen existing tracks by driving around obstacles such as broken branches, large holes, rocks etc but should endeavor to do minor track maintenance to allow vehicles to remain on the track, i.e. remove branches, fill holes etc

**Convoys** – Vehicles should stay in convoy position unless a change is authorised

**Distances** – members should keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front, particularly in hilly country or if brakes are wet after a water crossing. On main roads leave adequate space between vehicles to enable other vehicles to overtake safely.

**Driver Responsibility** – Each driver is responsible for the vehicle behind. Keep the following vehicle in contact at all times. In conditions where visibility is poor switch on lights & check regularly that following vehicle is in sight. Contact by radio if possible.

**Acknowledging Turns** – Wait at every turn with indicators flashing until the following driver acknowledges with their indicators flashing.

**Separated Convoy** – If the convoy becomes separated & an intersection is reached where there is no other vehicle, stop and wait for instruction from the trip leader.

**Leaving Convoy** – If members wish to leave a convoy for any reason they must inform the trip leaders by radio or at stops. If on the move, drop back & advise your intentions to the last vehicle who will advise the trip leader as soon as possible.

**Breakdown of Vehicles** – If a vehicle breaks down or becomes immobile for any reason, all vehicles must stop with the affected vehicle until it is again mobile or the trip leader has checked that the vehicle is safe to be left for adequate assistance. Arrangements are to be made to renew contact as soon as possible.

**Stopping Convoy** – if members wish the vehicle in front to stop, call on radio if available, attract drivers attention by flashing lights on an off or stop. Care must be taken when flashing lights at night to avoid causing a hazard to oncoming vehicles.

**Negotiating Hazards** – At any creek crossing, steep hill, sand hill or other hazardous terrain all those not involved are to stand well clear of the activity. The trip leader, or delegate, will have complete control over activities. Vehicles are to be moved well clear of the hazard to allow sufficient room for following vehicles.

**Recovery Operations** – During recovery operations members should give what assistance possible but not get in the way. Stand well clear of vehicles, towropes & winching cables. Obey instructions of trip leader.

**Vehicle Damage** – Any damage caused to a members vehicle is the member's own responsibility. Members should not be afraid to stop to remove obstacles to avoid this

**Stopping Areas** – Campsites or rest areas should be chosen where practical so that all members of the trip can be accommodated comfortably in the one area. Care must be exercised so that damage to stopping areas is minimised.

**Starting Times** – Times for daily departures are agreed to prior to departure or at daily briefing

**Lunch Stops** – Meal breaks should be about an hour unless otherwise agreed beforehand. Time starts from the arrival of the last vehicle at the site.

**Stops** – Convoys should stop for a short period every 2 hrs to allow participants to rest.

**End of day's Travel** – Where possible the day's travel should end with sufficient daylight available to allow campsites to be established unless otherwise agreed beforehand.

**Convoy Speed** – The maximum traveling speed for any club trip shall be determined by the road conditions, all state regulations and not faster than the slowest vehicle in the convoy. The trip leader prior to departure particularly for bitumen road travel should advise